

BAPTIST BOOKSTORES TO CHANGE NAME

December 6, 1998 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, www.wayoflife.org) - The Baptist Book Stores, which are owned by the Southern Baptist Convention, will be renamed LifeWay Christian Stores beginning in January 1999. There are 75 stores nationally, and they are in the process of acquiring others.

It is not surprising that the Baptist Book Stores are dropping the name Baptist. I visited the Baptist Book Store in north Oklahoma City this summer in search of biographies of Baptists. They had only a pitiful handful of Baptist biographies, but they had many biographies of Protestants, Modernists, New Evangelicals, and Romanists. The Baptist Book Stores are filled to the brim with psychology, self help, self esteem, romance novels, ecumenical and charismatic literature, and undependable Bible versions--and isle after isle of "Christian" rock music. They will stand accountable before God one day for polluting the minds and hearts of their customers with unscriptural material and for refusing to carry sound material from fundamentalist Bible-based publishers which they could and should be stocking but which they refuse to stock because it is "controversial."

It was thrilling to visit two large Christian bookstores recently which are more concerned about faithfulness to God than the profit margin. One was Gullions Christian Supply in North Carolina (3856 Reynolds Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106). The other was at Bob Jones University. These stores don't carry Christian rock music, but they do have a wide variety of sound music. (Gullions carries a lot of Southern gospel, much of which we would not recommend.) These stores refuse to handle ecumenical-charismatic literature, but they do stock books and pamphlets which edify God's people from a fundamentalist standpoint. In the case of Gullions they don't even carry the corrupt modern Bible versions. Sadly, Bob Jones University bookstore does carry some modern versions, as well as undependable books such as Fuller Seminary-educated James White's misleading volume entitled "The King James Only Controversy" (it should be titled "The Peter Ruckman/Gail Riplinger Controversy") and Donald Carson's "The King James Version Debate: A Plea For Realism." These books have been ably answered by Dr. Thomas Strouse, Dr. Donald A. Waite, and others. Sadly, the BJU bookstore carries nothing in defense of the Received Text and the King James Bible. This is very strange since they claim to stand for the King James Bible!

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